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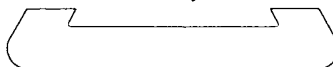
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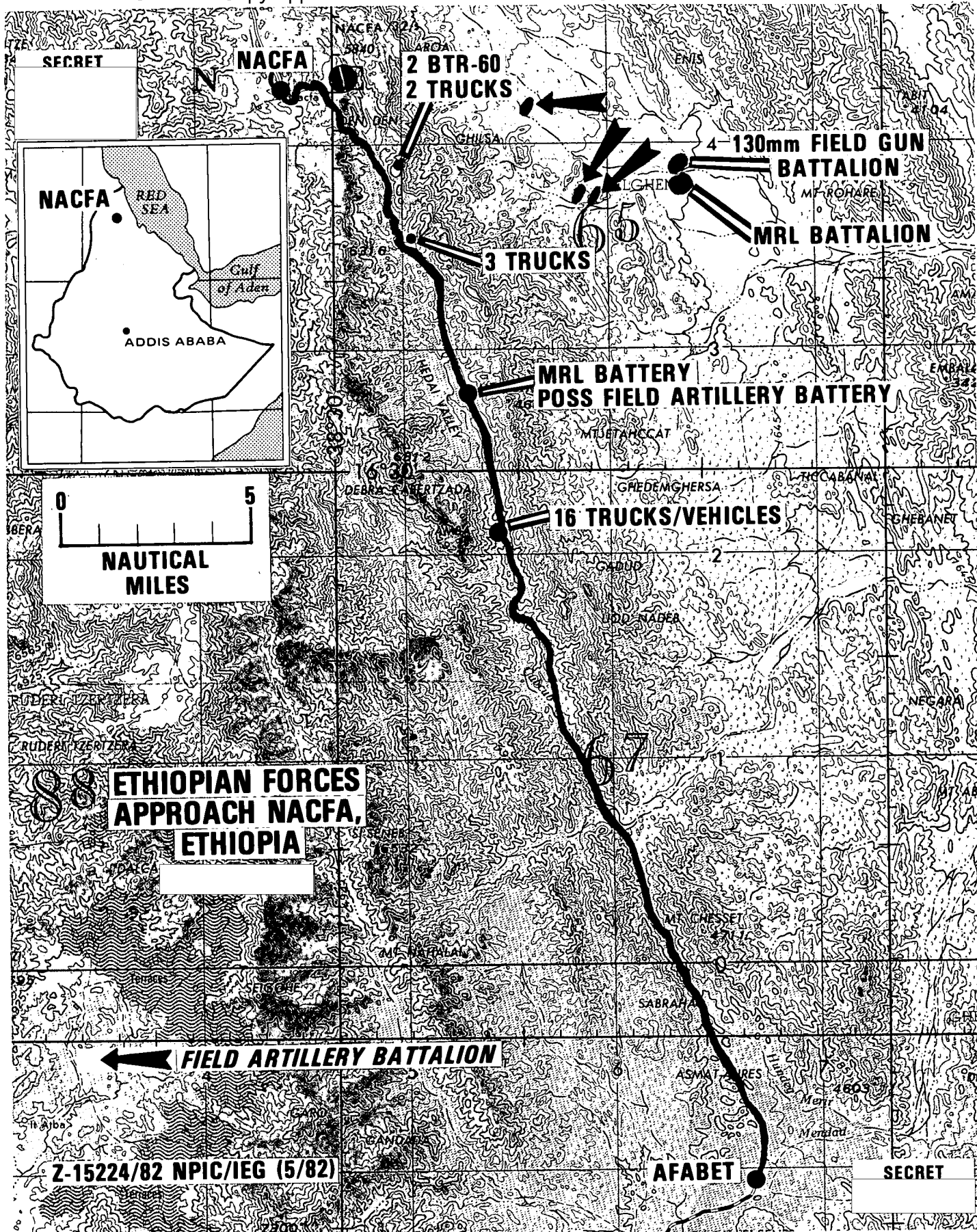
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ETHIOPIAN FORCES APPROACH NACFA
ETHIOPIA

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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** ETHIOPIAN MILITARY FORCES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE NORTH ALONG THE AFABET-NACFA ROAD TOWARD THE INSURGENT-HELD TOWN OF NACFA IN ERITREA.
2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED A MAJOR HILL ONLY 3.5 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE TOWN OF NACFA. [] A SMALL MILITARY UNIT CONSISTING OF TWO PROBABLE BTR-60 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND TWO TRUCKS WAS OBSERVED ON A HILL AT 16-38-20N 038-31-45E. NO EQUIPMENT WAS PRESENT ON THIS 1,585-METER HILL [] THE NORTHERNMOST DEPLOYMENT OF ETHIOPIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED [] CONSISTED OF THREE TRUCKS AT THE BASE OF A HILL APPROXIMATELY 5 NM SOUTHEAST OF NACFA. THESE VEHICLES WERE STILL PRESENT [] AND SEVERAL ADDITIONAL TRUCKS AND VEHICLES WERE MOVING ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN THAT POINT AND THE NEWLY OCCUPIED HILL. MILITARY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT POSITIONED ON THE NEWLY OCCUPIED HILL SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE FINAL PORTION OF THE MAIN ROAD TO NACFA. NO EVIDENCE OF INSURGENT FORCES WAS OBSERVED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF NACFA.

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(S/D) IN ADDITION, A MILITARY DEPLOYMENT THAT HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 9 NM SOUTH OF NACFA [] HAD BEEN REINFORCED BY A MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTERY []. OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THIS AREA INCLUDED ONE POSSIBLE FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERY AND AT LEAST NINE TRUCKS/VEHICLES. THIS MRL BATTERY IS PROBABLY THE SAME ONE THAT HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 13 NM SOUTHEAST OF NACFA [] NO MRL BATTERY WAS OBSERVED IN THAT AREA ON [] HOWEVER, AT LEAST 16 TRUCKS/VEHICLES WERE PRESENT.

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(S/D) NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN ETHIOPIAN FORCES DEPLOYED ON FLAT TERRAIN APPROXIMATELY EIGHT NM EAST OF NACFA WAS DISCERNIBLE. MAJOR MILITARY UNITS THAT COULD BE IDENTIFIED ON PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THIS AREA INCLUDED ELEMENTS OF ONE BATTALION OF 130MM FIELD GUNS M-46, ONE MRL BATTALION, AND THREE ADDITIONAL FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS. []

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3. (S) [] COORDINATES 16-32-00N 038-34-00E

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